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- On 9 April 1955, between 12 and 20 nautical miles north of Bruesterort, there were six Soviet warships. Three of these appeared to be cruisers of the SVERDLOV Class. the other three appeared to be destroyers of the SKORY Class.
- On 15 April 1955 at 1040 hours, a Soviet submarine and three Soviet submarine chasers of the KRONKHEADT Class. The Soviet vessels were proceeding in line on a northerly course, with the submarine leading and about 1000 yards between each vessel. the last vessel in line turned It then turned and moved north again at about 19 knots. The other two submarine chasers moved up on each side of the submarine and proceeded at about 12 knots. the Soviet force turned and proceeded on a southerly course.
- The submarine had a cannon, estimated at 75mm, forward of the conning tower. The hull was in good condition and painted grey. On the forecastle of the submarine chasers, there was one gun, estimated at 75mm, mounted behind a shield, with ready ammunition. Aft of the funnels were two 20mm machine cannons without shields. There was one 37mm machine cannon mounted behind a shield forward of the davits, and another abaft them. No gun exercises were observed. On the afterdeck were two parallel skids, running out over the stern. On each side of the mid-section of the afterdeck was a set of davits; the two forward davits were a little larger than the two after ones. There was one optical rangefinder about two meters long on the bridge. The ships carried VHF and UHF, long and medium wave radio antennas, as shown in the sketch on page 2.

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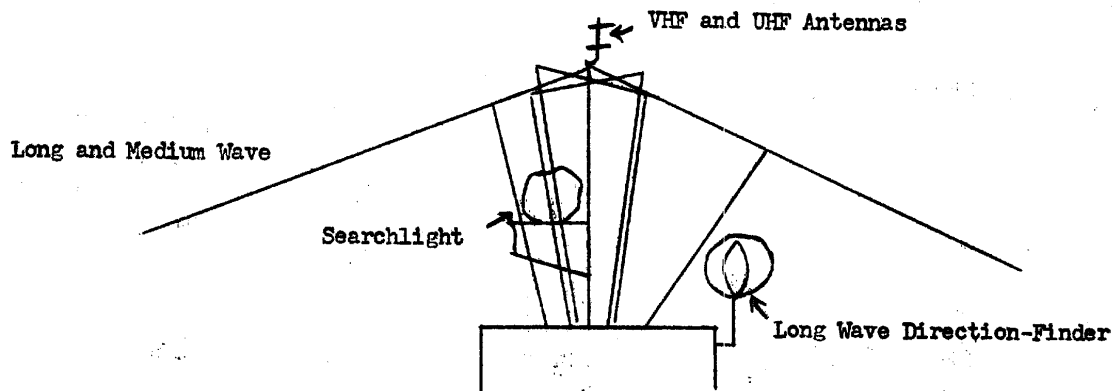
There was no radar antenna. A searchlight was mounted on the mast above the crows nest. There were two anchors. The vessels had six air ports aft and three forward, in a single row. They had diesel motors, and were probably twin-screw; white smoke came from the funnels when the vessel slowed down. The hulls were painted blue-grey, and were in good condition.

they flew a Soviet naval ensign, described as a red hammer and sickle on a white field with a blue strip underneath.

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Sketch of Radio Antennas on Soviet Submarine Chasers of the KRONSTADT Class:



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